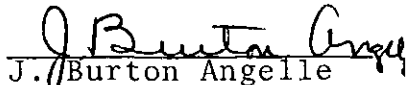


LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Approved: 2/10/86


J. Burton Angelle

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 6, 1986

GEORGE N. GRAY
ACTING CHAIRMAN

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

February 6, 1986

Acting Chairman George Gray, presiding:

Members Present:

Dr. Don Hines
Mr. Mark Roberts
Mr. Dale Vinet

Mr. J. Burton Angelle was also present.

The minutes of the meeting of January 10, 1986 were approved with a motion from Dale Vinet and seconded by Mark Roberts.

At Wednesday's meeting Mr. Richard Cochran of the Shikar-Safari Club International presented Emmett Bonner with an award for the Wildlife Officer of the Year.

Also at Wednesday's meeting Harry Schafer gave the Survey Report. During the period of January 1-31, 1986 103 surveys were scheduled, 60 surveys were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor. Lease rental collected was \$176,952.66, survey fees collected was \$22,332.95 and 30 new leases were issued.

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(The full text of the resolution
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Harry Schafer stated that about three months ago the Commission passed changes in some regulations for the under-utilized species which tightens up the regulations and gives us more control over the permits that we issue. The regulations have gone before the House Committee and the Senate Oversight Committee and have been returned without change and he recommended that we ratify this without change. Dr. Hines made a motion to ratify the regulations, seconded by Mr. Vinet and was unanimously approved. A copy of these regulations are attached to the minutes.

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Greg Linscombe also presented a slide program on the experimental alligator harvest taking place on Marsh Island.

The Universal Fishing License slide program was presented by Huey Sanders at Wednesday's meeting.

The June meeting will be the Thursday and Friday, the 5th and 6th in Baton Rouge.

The official meeting on Thursday was adjourned at 11:07AM.

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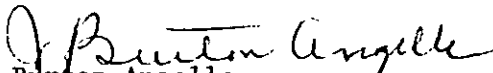
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(Existing)

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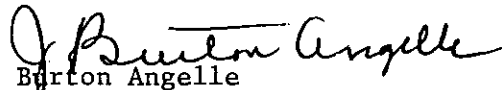
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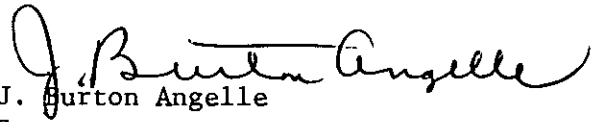

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ATTENTION OF: Paula

Dear Madame:

This is to confirm that I will be available February 5 to present the Shikar-Safari Club International Wildlife Officer of the Year Award to Mr. Emmett Bonner. Please see that this is put on the agenda for your meeting and that Mr. Bonner is notified so that he will be present at the meeting for the presentation of the award. I understand that this meeting is to be held on Wednesday at 2:00 pm. If there are any changes please notify me at one of the above numbers.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Very truly yours,



C. Richard Cochran

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J. BURTON ANGELLE, SR.
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ACTIVITY REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1986 THRU JANUARY 31, 1986

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<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	
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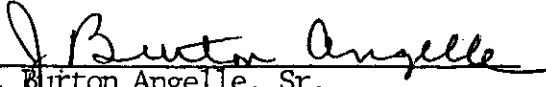
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are threatened or endangered or for fisheries or gear types which are specifically prohibited by law.

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3. Holder of a permit must have the permit in possession at all times when using permitted gear or harvesting permitted specie(s). Permit holder must be on board permitted vessel when operating under conditions of permit. No permit is transferable without written permission from the Department Secretary.

4. The Department reserves the right to observe the operations taking place under a permit at any time and permittee may be required to provide food and lodging on the permitted vessel for an observer at the request of the Department.

5. The bearer of a permit must report monthly the catch taken as a result of the permit. This report must contain a suitable measure of total catch, of effort, and of other parameters which may be required by the Department.

6. A permit does not entitle the bearer the exclusive harvest of the resource although, at the discretion of the Department, a permit may entitle the

bearer to exclusive harvest of a certain area but this privilege may be of limited duration and may be lost once management regulations specific to the fishery or gear are promulgated.

7. Information gained by the Department through the issuance of a permit is not privileged and will be disseminated to the public.

8. Permit requests for experimental gear must include complete descriptions of the gear and methods used, including drawings or pictures, the specie(s) to be fished, and the area to be fished. All potential permittees must request an appointment. Proof of ownership of the proposed permitted vessel(s) must be provided at the time of appointment, and the person requesting a permit must show proof that all applicable licenses have been applied for before a permit is issued. Proof of bonafide residency is also required at this time.

9. Permits will be issued for only such time to allow the Department to properly evaluate the gear or methods being used. The Department may withdraw any permit because it has a deleterious effect; may withdraw any permit in order to conduct its own evaluation of the gear, or fishery; may effect management regulations which render any permit

inoperative; or may extend any permit as a means of regulating the fishery until such time the fishery comes under statutory laws.

10. The person requesting a permit must show proof that all applicable licenses have been applied for before a permit is issued. Proof of bonafide residency is also required at this time.

11. When a permit is issued for an underutilized specie(s) or for the development of a new fishery, only the permitted specie(s) can be harvested. All other species must be returned to unrestricted waters with a minimum of handling. No other fish may be in the possession of the permittee, and all fish on board the permitted vessel must have the head and caudal fin (tail) intact.

12. All permits must be applied for and/or granted from January 1 to July 31 of each year. All permits expire December 31 following the date of issuance. All permits must be returned to the Department by January 31 following expiration.

13. Each applicant for a permit under this program will be assessed an administrative fee of fifty dollars per permit at the time of appointment. Each applicant who is a resident of Louisiana will be required to post a performance fee deposit, bond, or cashier's check in

the amount of one thousand dollars, payable by cashier's check. All non-residents must post a performance fee deposit, bond, or cashier's check in the amount of four thousand dollars, also payable by cashier's check. These deposits are required upon application and are valid until December 31 of each year.

14. The permitted boat used in the program must have a distinguishing sign so that it may be identified. The sign shall have the word "EXPERIMENTAL" printed on it in at least 6" high letters, on a contrasting background, so as to be visible from low flying aircraft or from any other vessel in the immediate vicinity.

15. When permitted gear is on board permitted vessel or in possession of permittee, permittee and vessel are assumed to be operating under conditions of the permit. No gear other than permitted gear may be on board or in possession of permittee under provisions of the permit.

16. A report must be received by the Department no later than 30 days following the last day of each month. If any permittee does not report monthly as required, his permit shall be suspended. If no report is received by January 31 following suspension, the deposit is forfeited.

17. All permittees must notify Department prior to leaving port to fish under permitted conditions and immediately upon returning from permitted trip. The Department must be notified by calling a designated phone number. Commonly accepted passive gear, i.e. eel pots, may be exempt from this requirement.

18. If citation(s) are issued to any permittee regarding conditions regulated by the permit, all permittee's permits will be revoked, and the permittee may lose all rights and privileges to participate in the program. If found guilty, the deposit is also forfeited.

19. The Secretary reserves the right to limit the number of permits issued each year. When the number is limited, permits will be granted on a first come, first served basis.

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January 10, 1986

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Ms. Paula Callais
Wildlife & Fisheries
P. O. Box 15570
Baton Rouge, LA 70895

Dear Ms. Callais:

This will confirm that the Mineral Board Hearing Room, First Floor, State Land & Natural Resources Building, Riverside at North, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has been reserved for you on February 5, 1986 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m..

PLEASE PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO the following stipulations and regulations pertaining to reservations and use of the Board's auditorium. These rules are applicable in each and every instance and are to be strictly adhered to.

1. All reservations are subject to cancellation should a special call meeting of the Mineral Board be made by the Governor or if an Agency within the Department of Natural Resources requires use of the auditorium. Notification will be made by this office of any change as quickly as possible.
2. This office is to be notified immediately of cancellation of reservation for use of the auditorium.
3. The Mineral Board has established a strict policy of NO SMOKING in the auditorium.
4. All chairs, tables and other equipment are to be left in the same position as found prior to meetings. Papers and other working materials are to be removed from tables and the auditorium as a whole, left in an orderly and neat manner. No furniture, equipment, etc. purchased by the Mineral Board for use in the auditorium is to be removed from the premises. Under no circumstances should any furniture be removed from the auditorium out into the lobby. All furniture and other items are inventoried by serial number and missing items must be reported by the Board to the Capitol Security Office.

5. The auditorium will not be opened prior to the time of scheduled meetings. The auditorium will be unlocked by request, upon arrival in the building. This request may be made by telephone or in person to the receptionist, Administrative Division, 4th Floor, Office of Mineral Resources, Natural Resources Building. Additionally, it will be necessary to advise this office following adjournment of a meeting and prior to vacating the auditorium in order that the auditorium may be properly secured.

6. The auditorium must be locked when the meeting adjourns for the noon hour. Please call 342-4615 in the event you desire to do this. The auditorium is not to be left unattended and the door unlocked at any time.

7. In requests by letter to this office for reservation of the auditorium, it will be necessary to furnish us with the name of the person designated to be responsible for the application of the aforesaid regulations.

We appreciate your cooperation and adherence to the regulations in the past. Unfortunately, and because of recent circumstances, we have no alternative but to apply and strictly enforce all rules and regulations to allow maximum security and continuity in future use of the Mineral Board's auditorium by various agencies and organizations.

Yours very truly,

OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES

Edward H. Rhorer, Deputy Assistant Secretary

BY: Mary Beth Kling
Mary Beth Kling, Executive Assistant



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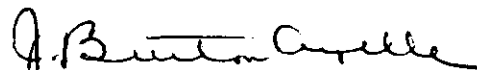
Dear Cindy:

We have reserved the Mineral Board meeting room for Wednesday, February 5, 1986 at 7:00 PM for a public hearing to be held for the purpose of hearing recommendations for the upcoming hunting season.

We request that the front door be left open of the Natural Resources Building. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM and last until about 10:00 PM with approximately 300 people attending.

If additional information is needed, please advise.

Sincerely,


J. Burton Angelle

JBA/pc

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Definite ☒ Cancellation ☐
Tentative ☐ Change Form ☐

For Office Use Only:

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By _____

FUNCTION/RESERVATION CONTRACT

Account Name La. Wildlife & Fisheries
Post As _____
Contact Paula Callais Title _____
Address P. O. Box 15570 City Baton Rouge
State LA Zip 70895 Telephone (____) _____
Master Account Authorities _____ P.I.C. _____

Guest Rooms ☒ Required ☐ Not Required

DAY	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
DATE				2/5			
SGL				7			
DBL							
LKPL							
SUITE							
TOTAL				7			0
TOTAL ROOM NIGHTS							7

Reservations Must Be Made By xx have been madeReturn Card ☐ Individual ☐Room List ☐ Other ☐All Rooms are: ☐ 6:00 p.m.☒ GTD By CompanyRates: Single \$ 40 Double \$ 50

Triple \$ _____ Quad \$ _____ Parlor \$ _____

Suites: 1 Bedroom \$ _____ 2 Bedroom \$ _____

Townhouse \$ xx

Complimentary Agreement: _____

Contract must be signed and returned to the hotel by the Option
Date: 1/31/86 indicated or all commitments are
released.

☒ Net ☐ Commissionable _____ %**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

Day/Date	Time	Functions	Attendance	Location	Rate
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No Meeting Space Required

48 Hour Guarantee Required and Binding on all Meal Functions

48 Hour Cancellation Notice Required to Negate Meeting Charges.

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I hereby approve the arrangements as shown.

Paula S. Callais
Signature

Adm. Sec.
Title

1-1-86
Date

JT
Salesperson